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SUBJECT: REVISED UNIDO PROGRAM BUDGET 1976-1977

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1. MISOFF AUG 24 DISCUSSED WITH DEP DIR UN BUDGET DIV THERON STATUS OF REVISED UNIDO PROGRAM BUDGET DOCUMENT. THERON SAID DOCUMENT HAD BEEN REVIEWED AND REVISED BY UN/NY WITH FIFTY COPIES POUCHED TO UNIDO LATE AUG 23; AS SOON AS ADDITIONAL COPIES REPRODUCED, THEREON PROMISED TO PROVIDE ONE TO USUN. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NO FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE FROM DRAFT PREPARED BY UNIDO.

2. THERON, WHO DETAILED TO UNIDO FOR THREE WEEKS TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF DOCUMENT, SAID HE CONSIDERED IT TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED OVER SECTION 12 IN A/10006 AND, GIVEN UN/NY POOR TRACK RECORD WITH UNIDO SECRETARIAT, FELT IT WAS BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOME. EX DIR KHANE, ACCORDING TO THERON, DEEPLY INVOLVED HIMSELF IN ITS PREPARATION AND IS FAIRLY WELL KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT CONTENTS, THERON EMPHASIED THAT SATISFACTORY OUTCOME WAS DUE IN LARGE PART TO NON-INVOLVEMENT OF UNIDO SECRETARIAT MEMBER AZMI AFIFI, WHO WAS ABSENT VIENNA WHEN DOCUMENT FINALIZED. KHANE IS EXPECTED PERSONNALLY TO PRESENT AND DEFEND REVISED UNIDO PROGRAM BUDGET BEFORE ADVISORY COMITE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS (ACABQ) AND UNGA FIFTH COMITE ON BEHALF OF SYG WALDHEIM. THERON VERIFIED
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EXISTENCE AND LATER AVAILABILITY OF DETAILED JUSTIFICATION REPORTED

LAST SENTENCE PARA 2 REFTTEL.

3. RE PARAS 4 AND 6 REFTTEL, THERON SAID REDUCTION OF 41 POSTS IN UNIDIO INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEARLY \$3 MILLION INCREASE REQUESTED FOR CONSULTANTS WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO CAREFUL SCRUTINY, EVEN THOUGH ORIGINAL UNIDO SECRETARIAT REQUEST HAD BEEN PARED BACK BY 20 PER CENT.

4. COLLEAGUE OF THERON'S, WHO PRESENT DURING DISCUSSION WITH MISOFF, NOTED THAT UNIDO BASED ITS REQUEST FOR INCREASED RESOURCES PRIMARILY ON LIMA DECLARATION. THIS, HE SAID, WAS A POLITICAL PLOY WHICH IN EFFECT COULD BE USED TO JUSTIFY ANY LEVEL OF REQUEST. IN REALITY, HOWEVER, THIS APPROACH PRESUMPTUOUS AND UNREALISTIC AS IMPLEMENTATION OF LIMA DECLARATION MAINLY A MATTER FOR STATES, WITH BUT A MARGINAL ROLE LEFT FOR UNIDIO.
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